

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning
RESCISSION OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2007-0016
(NPDES NO. CA0004758)

FOR

**SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
RANCHO SECO NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT 1
AND RANCHO SECO PARK
SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (Discharger) owns and operates the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1, which is a decommissioning nuclear facility nearing completion of the dismantlement phase. Wastewater consisting of stormwater, fire pump testing water, irrigation runoff, treated liquid radioactive wastewater, and treated municipal wastewater is combined and diluted with water from the Folsom South Canal and discharged to an unnamed tributary of Clay Creek, a water of the United States and a tributary to the Cosumnes River. The Discharger also operates a 1-acre wastewater treatment pond located at Rancho Seco Park, adjacent to the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1. The unlined, aerated pond treats an annual average flow of approximately 2,000 gallons per day of domestic wastewater from the park and doesn't discharge to a surface water. Both these facilities are regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (NPDES No. CA0004758) Order No. R5-2007-0016.

The Discharger has permanently discontinued the discharge of treated domestic wastewater to surface water and operates an Artificial Wetlands Wastewater Treatment system under the State Water Resources Control Board General Order 97-10-DWQ (Notice of Applicability 97-DWQ-5019). The separate Rancho Seco Park domestic wastewater system is also operates under General Order 97-10-DWQ (Notice of Applicability 97-10-DWQ-5020). Both these notices were issued 16 June 2009.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Water Board meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: 13 August 2009
TIME: 8:30 AM
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Dr., Suite #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated party for this hearing is as follows:

- Sacramento Municipal Utility District staff

Only designated parties will have the following rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **3 August 2009**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and, in particular, how the person is directly affected by the discharge.


Persons wishing to comment on this hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on **3 August 2009**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **3 August 2009** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party. All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the tentative Orders should contact Mr. Ken Landau at (916) 464-4726 or klandau@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Regional Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who may be interested in this matter.


for Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

6 July 2009